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AMENDMENT AND RCE

Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 24, 2008, please enter the following amendments. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.